

CROP REPORT

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Oregon Crop Production - August Forecasts

As of August 1, winter wheat production in Oregon is estimated at 51.9 million bushels, up nearly 8 percent from the 2003 crop, according to the Oregon Agricultural Statistics Service. Winter wheat yields are expected to average 61 bushels per acre in 2004, up 10 bushels per acre from last year and up 2 bushels per acre from the July 1 forecast. Pacific Northwest (Oregon, Idaho, and Washington) winter wheat production is forecast at 228.3 million bushels in 2004. Nationally, winter wheat production is projected at nearly 1.5 billion bushels, down nearly 12 percent from last year.

Oregon's spring wheat production in 2004 is estimated at 9.1 million bushels, up nearly 63 percent from the 2003 crop. Spring wheat yields are expected to average 52 bushels per acre, up 12 bushels per acre from last year and up 2 bushels per acre from the July 1 forecast. Pacific Northwest spring wheat production is forecast at 73.0 million bushels in 2004. Nationally, spring wheat production other than Durum is forecast at nearly 545.0 million bushels, up nearly 2 percent from one year ago.

The State's 2004 barley crop is expected to produce nearly 4.6 million bushels, up 19 percent from the 2003 crop. This would give a yield of 74 bushels per acre, compared to 64 bushels per acre one year ago and unchanged from the July 1 forecast. Oat production is estimated at 2.7 million bushels in 2004, up 80 percent from last year. Oat yields are projected at 90 bushels per acre, up 5 bushels per acre from the July 1 forecast and up 15 bushels per acre from last year. Oregon has the highest forecasted yield in the U.S.

Oregon's alfalfa hay crop is projected at nearly 2.0 million tons, down 12 percent from the 2003 crop. Alfalfa hay yields are expected to average 4.4 tons per acre, down from last year's yield of 4.6 tons per acre. Other hay production is forecast at a record 1.6 million tons, up 19 percent from last year. Other hay yields are projected at 2.5 tons per acre, compared to 2.2 tons per acre in 2003. Production of dry edible beans in Oregon is estimated at 68,000 cwt in 2004, compared to 99,000 cwt one year ago. Sugarbeet production in Oregon, estimated at 361,000 tons, would reflect a 20 percent increase from the 2003 crop. Oregon hop growers expect a yield of 1,700 pounds per acre, from an estimated 5,107 acres in 2004.

Apple production in Oregon is forecast at 170.0 million pounds, 28 percent higher than the 2003 apple production. Pacific Northwest apple production is projected at nearly 5.5 billion pounds in 2004. Oregon prune and plum production is estimated at 14,000 tons in 2004, up significantly from 2003. Oregon Bartlett pears production, projected at 57,000 tons, would reflect a 6 percent increase from a year ago. Pacific Coast (Oregon, California, and Washington) Bartlett pear production is forecast at 457,000 tons. Production of pears other than Bartletts in Oregon is set at 151,000 tons, up slightly from 2003, while Pacific Coast production is projected at 424,000 tons in 2004. Oregon grape production, forecast for a second consecutive record at 26,000 tons, shows an 8 percent increase from one year ago.

Crop summary: Acres harvested, yield and production, Oregon and United States, 2003 and forecasted August 1, 2004

Crop & unit	Oregon			United States		
	Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production
	1,000 acres	Per acre	1,000 units	1,000 acres	Per acre	1,000 units
Winter wheat, bu.						
2003	940	51.0	47,940	36,541	46.7	1,707,069
Forecast 2004	850	61.0	51,850	34,825	42.8	1,489,408
Spring wheat, bu. ^{1/}						
2003	140	40.0	5,600	16,298	38.6	629,457
Forecast 2004	175	52.0	9,100	15,731	40.3	633,486
Barley, bu.						
2003	60	64.0	3,840	4,688	58.9	276,087
Forecast 2004	62	74.0	4,588	4,152	65.7	272,824
Oats, bu.						
2003	20	75.0	1,500	2,224	65.0	144,649
Forecast 2004	30	90.0	2,700	1,938	66.0	127,950
Alfalfa hay, ton						
2003	490	4.6	2,254	23,578	3.24	76,307
Forecast 2004	450	4.4	1,980	22,226	3.48	77,264
Other hay, ton						
2003	625	2.2	1,375	39,764	2.03	80,816
Forecast 2004	655	2.5	1,638	39,363	2.15	84,499
Dry edible beans, cwt.						
2003	6.0	1,650	99	1,346.9	1,672	22,515
Forecast 2004	4.0	1,700	68	1,301.1	1,639	21,323
Sugarbeets, ton						
2003	9.8	30.7	301	1,347.9	22.7	30,583
Forecast 2004	12.5	28.9	361	1,326.3	21.4	28,378
Hops, lb.						
2003	5,748	1,626	9,347.6	28,669	1,903	54,565.1
Forecast 2004	5,107	1,700	8,681.9	28,019	1,982	55,537.9

1/ U.S. total includes Durum Wheat.